

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A display data creating apparatus that creates display data representing a plurality of display sections, each of the display sections containing a prescribed type of information, in response to a request from a client apparatus supplied via a network, and transmits the display data to the client apparatus via the network, the display data creating apparatus comprising:

a determination part that determines for at least one of the display sections whether the information to be contained in a current display section satisfies a prescribed condition based on display configuration definition information, [[and]] the prescribed condition indicating whether information contained in the current display section has been updated, wherein when the determination part determines that the prescribed condition is not satisfied for the current display section, then the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is minimized; and

a display data creating part that automatically changes a display format of the current display section to enhance visual recognition if the information to be contained in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition and has been updated, when creating the display data, wherein the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is expanded when the prescribed condition is satisfied.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The display data creating apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a display configuration managing part that manages the display configuration definition information including a determination function used in the determination carried out for the current display section, wherein the determination part determines whether the

prescribed condition is satisfied in the current display section based on the determination function.

Claims 3-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The display data creating apparatus of claim 1, wherein the display data creating part creates the display data so that the current display section is arranged so as not to be below the other display sections when the prescribed condition is satisfied.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The display data creating apparatus of claim 2, wherein the display data creating part updates the current display section based on the display configuration definition information managed by the display configuration managing part.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The display data creating apparatus of claim 9, wherein the display configuration definition information of each of said at least one of the display sections includes the determination function.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The display data creating apparatus of claim 9, wherein the display configuration definition information includes information indicating whether or not the prescribed condition is set for each of the display sections, and the display configuration definition information defining the display section for which the prescribed condition is set includes the determination function.

Claim 12 (Original): The display data creating apparatus of claim 9, wherein the display configuration data includes an information acquiring function required to obtain necessary information for each of the display sections, wherein the display data creating part acquires the information to be contained in the current display section based on the corresponding information acquiring function.

Claim 13 (Original): The display data creating apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
the information to be contained in the current display section is information representing the condition of equipment connected on the network;  
the determination part determines whether malfunction has occurred in the equipment;  
and  
the display data creating part updates the current display section so as to indicate the occurrence of malfunction if it is determined that malfunction has occurred in the equipment.

Claim 14 (Original): The display data creating apparatus of claim 1, wherein:  
the information to be contained in the current display section is information stored in a database connected on the network;  
the determination part determines whether the database has been updated; and  
the display data creating part updates the current display section so as to present the information stored in the database if it is determined that the database has been updated.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A display data transmission system comprising:  
a client apparatus; and

a display data creating apparatus configured to create display data comprised of a plurality of display sections, each display section containing a prescribed type of information, in response to a request supplied from the client apparatus via a network, and to transmit the display data to the client apparatus, the display data creating apparatus comprising:

a determination part that determines for at least one of the display sections whether the information to be contained in a current display section satisfies a prescribed condition based on display configuration definition information, ~~[[and]]~~ the prescribed condition indicating whether information contained in the current display section has been updated, wherein when the determination part determines that the prescribed condition is not satisfied for the current display section, then the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is minimized; and

a display data creating part that automatically changes a display format of the layout of the current display section to enhance visual recognition if the information to be contained in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition and has been updated, when creating the display data, wherein the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is expanded when the prescribed condition is satisfied.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method for transmitting display data comprised of a plurality of display sections, each display section containing a prescribed type of information, to a client apparatus, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

upon receiving a request from the client apparatus, determining for at least one of the display sections whether information to be contained in a current display section satisfies a prescribed condition based on display configuration definition information, ~~[[and]]~~ the

prescribed condition indicating whether information contained in the current display section has been updated, wherein when the determining determines that the prescribed condition is not satisfied for the current display section, then the display data is created so that the current display section is minimized;

creating the display data by automatically changing a display format of the current display section to enhance visual recognition in accordance with the determination result if the information to be contained in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition and has been updated, wherein the display data is created so that the current display section is expanded when the prescribed condition is satisfied; and

transmitting the created display data to the client apparatus via a network.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 16, wherein the display data are created so that the current display section is arranged so as not to be below the other display sections if the prescribed condition is satisfied in the current display section.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 16, wherein:  
the information to be contained in the current display section is malfunction information indicating whether malfunction has occurred in equipment connected on the network;

the determining ~~determining step~~ includes determining whether the malfunction information indicating that malfunction has occurred in the equipment; and

the display data are created so as to indicate the occurrence of malfunction if it is determined that malfunction has occurred in the equipment in the determination step.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 16, wherein:

the information to be contained in the current display section is database information representing information stored in a database connected on the network;

the determining ~~determining step~~ includes determining whether the database information indicates that the database has been updated; and

the display data are created so as to present the information stored in the database if it is determined that the database has been updated in the determination step.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A machine readable program executed by a display data creating apparatus that creates display data comprised of a plurality of display sections, each display section containing a prescribed type of information, in response to a request from a client apparatus, the program comprising instructions of[[;]]:

upon the request, causing the display data creating apparatus to determine for at least one of the display sections whether information to be displayed in a current display section satisfies a prescribed condition based on display configuration definition information, the prescribed condition and indicating whether information contained in the current display section has been updated, wherein when it is determined that the prescribed condition is not satisfied for the current display section, then the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is minimized;

causing the display data creating apparatus to automatically change a display format of the current display section to enhance visual recognition if the information to be displayed in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition and has been updated, to

create the display data, wherein the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is expanded when the prescribed condition is satisfied; and

causing the display data creating apparatus to transmit the created display data to the client apparatus via the network.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a machine readable program executed by a display data creating apparatus that creates display data comprised of a plurality of display sections, each display section containing a prescribed type of information, in response to a request from a client apparatus, the program comprising instructions of[[;]]:

upon the request, causing the display data creating apparatus to determine for at least one of the display sections whether information to be displayed in a current display section satisfies a prescribed condition based on display configuration definition information, [[and]] the prescribed condition indicating whether information contained in the current display section has been updated, wherein when it is determined that the prescribed condition is not satisfied for the current display section, then the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is minimized;

causing the display data creating apparatus to automatically change a display format of the current display section to enhance visual recognition if the information to be displayed in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition and has been updated to create the display data, wherein the display data creating apparatus creates the display data so that the current display section is expanded when the prescribed condition is satisfied; and

causing the display data creating apparatus to transmit the created display data to the client apparatus via the network.